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SUBJECT: EIGHTH ANTARCTIC TREATY CONSULTATIVE MEETING

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1. DEPT APPROVES DATES OF PREP COM MEETING OCT. 14-18 AND
CONSULTATIVE APR 14-25.

2. TEAM TO PREP COM NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS FORMALLY ON
SUCH SHORT NOTICE THE ANTARCTIC MINERALS QUESTION AND THE
IMPLICATIONS FOR THE TREATY AREA IN RELATION TO 3RD UN
CONFERENCE ON LOS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT PREP COM
MEETING LIMITED TO ADMIN DETAILS AND FIXING OF AGENDA.
INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS ON MINERAL RESOURCES WOULD BE POSSIBLE.

3. U.S. PARTICIPANTS TO PREP COM TENTATIVELY DESIGNATED
TO BE ROBERT YODER, STATE/SCI; JAMES HEG, OFFICE OF POLAR
PROGRAMS, NSF; AND MARY ANNE MASON, FEDERAL ENERGY AGENCY.
TEAM EXPECTS TO ARRIVE IN OSLO OCT 10.

4. THE SEVEN AGENDA ITEMS PROPOSED BY NORWAY ARE ACCEPT-
ABLE. IN ADDITION, US WILL REQUEST FOLLOWING BE ADDED TO
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AGENDA:

A. ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

B. COOPERATION IN TRANSPORT

C. ACTIVITIES BY COUNTRIES NOT PARTY TO THE TREATY.

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